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| Applicant(s): | ANDERSON et al. | Group Art Unit: | 1648 |
| Serial No.: | 10/685,925 | Examiner: | Zachariah Lucas |
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For: ASSAYS TO DETECT OR QUANTIFY BACTERIAL OR VIRAL PATHOGENS AND CONTAMINANTS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Amendment
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."